Utilisation of CWC godowns

1982. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that owned capacity of CWC godowns utilization has been declining and the capacity utilization of hire godowns is on the increase;

(b) if so, the details of the under utilization of owned capacity and undertaking hiring of godowns and the infructuous expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure break even point for capacity utilization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No Sir, the owned capacity utilization has not been declining but is on the increase and so is the capacity utilization of hired godowns.

(c) The capacity utilization of CWC is on an increase and is more than the break-even point. However, with a view to increase the utilization of storage space belonging to CWC, following steps have been taken by the Government:

(i) CWC/FCI has been asked to de-hire private godowns (Covered and CAP) where utilization is less than 25%.

(ii) FCI has also been advised to give priority to hire CWC's godowns for storage of foodgrains.

Requirement of edible oils

†1983. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of the annual requirement of edible oils in the country;

(b) if so, the quantum thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, whether Government will consider to get the work of such an assessment done;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor, alongwith the steps taken by Government to maintain the balance between the demand and the supply of edible oils so that edible oils can be available to common man at the reasonable price and the farmers can get the appropriate price of their mustard and oil seeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) According to the projections for oilseeds/ edible oils made for the Tenth Five Year Plan, the annual requirement/ demand of edible oils in the country in terms of consumption of edible oils based on behaviouristic approach amounted to 11.85 million tonnes in 2005-06 compared to 11.30 million tonnes in 2004-05.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Complaints against Bata Shoe Company

1984. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Bata Shoe Company is marketing sub-standard shoes and are not attending to consumer complaints; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to protect the interest of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) M/s Bata India Ltd., Bata Nagar is holding 5 BIS licences for different types of shoes. The performance of the licensee for the last three years has been found to be in order in all the licences held by them except for